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**AGENDA ITEM 8**

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE**

- I. SUBJECT:** PERS Select Implementation
- II. PROGRAM:** Health Benefits
- III. RECOMMENDATION:** Information Only
- IV. BACKGROUND:**

The newest of the CalPERS PPO products, PERS Select, becomes operational effective January 1, 2008. Enrollment information will become available after the close of the 2008 Open Enrollment period and the final tabulations are completed. Product highlights include:

- All counties are included except for: Alameda, Marin, Placer and Solano
- Includes over 50% of Blue Cross' PPO physician provider network
- Includes most of Blue Cross' PPO hospital network, except for most Sutter facilities
- Product was developed using both quality and efficiency provider measures
- Product represents value to CalPERS members and employers:
  - Approximately 6% lower cost compared to PERS Choice Basic
  - Estimated claims savings of 5% compared to PERS Choice Basic
- Product is modeled from existing products, but more efficient
- ProviderFinder function available to members via Internet
- Multiple presentations at Employer Health Fairs

A representative from Blue Cross will be making a presentation on the PERS Select product (Attachment).

**V. STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This request relates to Goal X: Develop and administer quality, sustainable health benefit programs that are responsive to and valued by enrollees and employers.

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Attachment